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The Office Action issued May 7, 2007 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.

The heading and paragraph inadvertently inserted on page 9, line 1, pursuant to applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed June 23, 2006, has been deleted and this heading and paragraph have been inserted on page 6, line.

The specification has been amended on page 7 to delete the reference numerals 50, 32 and 49, which are not shown in Fig. 5 and to correct the spelling of the word "rotatably". This specification has also been amended on page 10 to change the reference numeral "78" to -- 75 -- and on page 17 to insert reference to Fig. 5 which shows the clamping arm unit 80.

The claims of this application have been thoroughly reviewed and amended, where necessary, to overcome certain obvious informalities. The informalities in claims 1, 4, 7-

10, 14 and 15, kindly noted by the Examiner, are well taken and have all been removed.

The Abstract has been amended to reduce its length to 150 words.

Submitted herewith, for the consideration of the Examiner, are replacement sheets for Fig. 5 and Fig. 7 of this application. In Fig. 5, the reference numeral 30 has been added and in Fig. 7 the reference numeral "23" has been changed to -- 23' --.

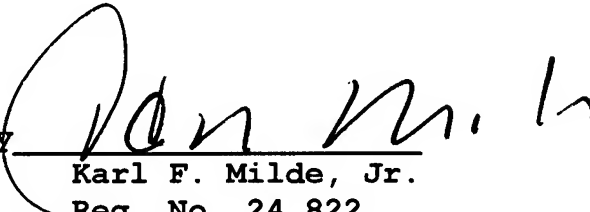
Also submitted with this Amendment is a new Declaration by applicants, acknowledging applicants' duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability.

Finally, in response to the Examiner's objection to Fig. 1 of the drawings in numbered paragraph 9 of the Office Action, applicants submit an Appendix which contains an explanation and two photographs showing the relationship between the guide rule 49, lever 75 and guide link 32. In view of the relationship of these elements, Fig. 1 is believed to be correct in its present form.

Since all of the formal issues raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action have been overcome by this

Amendment with its attachments, this application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. A formal Notice of Allowance is accordingly respectfully solicited.

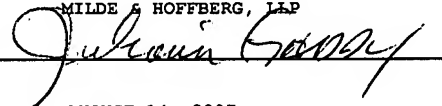
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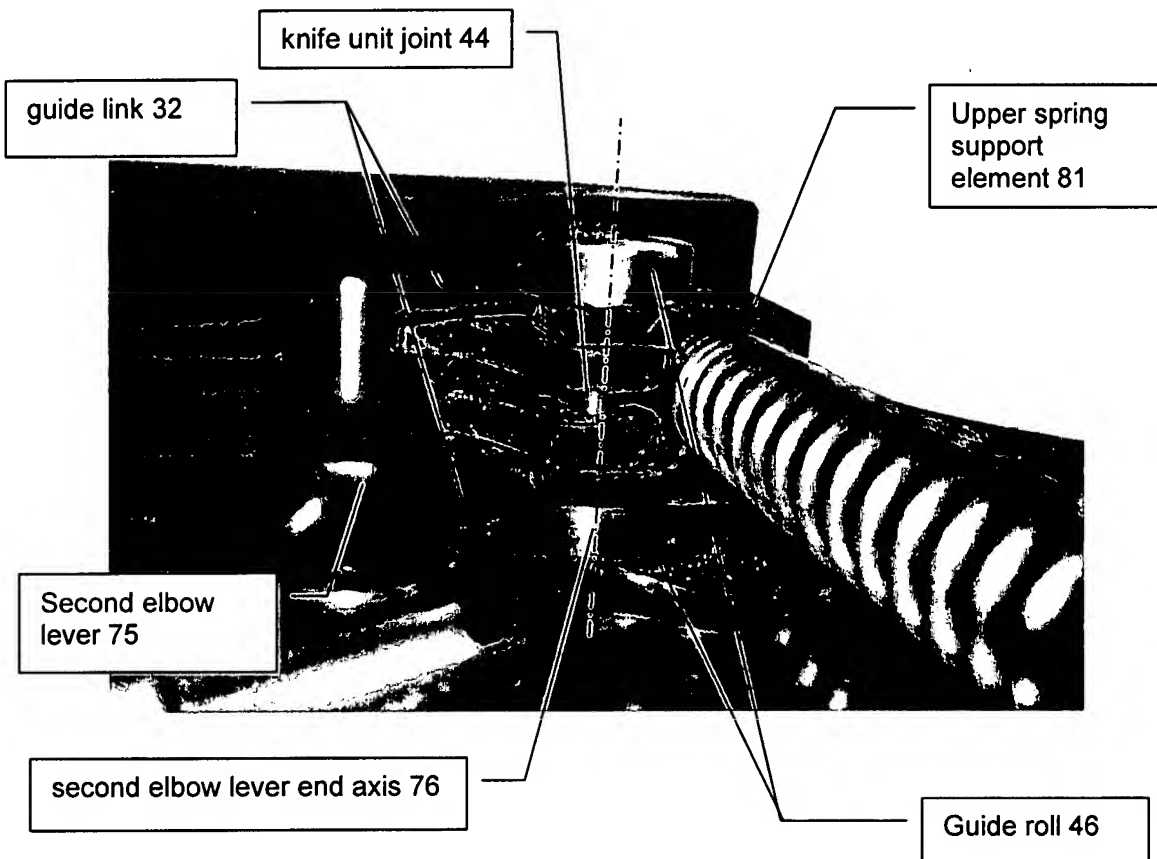
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APPENDIX

Referring to the objection of the drawings (fig. 1) in paragraph 9 of the Office Action:

Examiner states that the guide roll 49 would overlap the second elbow lever 75 which would not appear to be possible. In fact the guide roll 46 can have a position situated above the lever 75 as shown in the plane view of figure 1 where it is partially overlapping because it is situated in another plane than the second elbow lever.

The following photograph shows a portion of a wire stripper designed according to the invention. The upper spring support element 81 is U-shaped and has one guide roll 46 on either side, each of them being in contact with one of two rims forming the guide link 32.



The knife unit joint 44 consists of two projections spaced apart from each other, so that the lever 75 which is a flat element can enter the slit between the projections and that the guide roll 46 can be positioned above the lever 75 as shown in figure 1 and the following photograph:

